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Shipping Weight and Value;  
Customs District and Continent

The value reported in the export statistics generally is equivalent to a f.a.s. (free alongside ship) value at the U.S. port of export, based on the transaction price, including inland freight, insurance, and other charges incurred in placing the merchandise alongside the carrier at the U.S. port of exportation.

For security reasons, certain commodities are designated as Special Category commodities, for which security regulations place restrictions upon the export information that may be released. The data shown in this report for individual Customs districts and continents exclude exports of Special Category commodities, but overall shipping weight and value totals for Special Category commodities are shown. A list of Special Category commodities may be obtained from the Bureau of the Census.

The statistics on exports of domestic and foreign merchandise to countries other than Canada reflect fully compiled data for shipments valued \$500 and over combined with estimated data for shipments valued \$251-\$499, based on a 50-percent probability sample of such shipments. For exports to Canada the statistics reflect fully compiled data for shipments valued \$2,000 and over combined with estimated data for shipments valued \$251-\$1,999, based on a 10-percent probability sample of such shipments. Shipping weight and value data are also estimated for shipments valued under \$251. These estimates are not included in the data shown for individual Customs districts.

Since the export figures shown include estimates based on a sample of low-valued shipments, they are subject to some degree of sampling variability. The table on the following page provides a rough guide to the general level of sampling variability of value totals, on a 2 chances out of 3 basis. Usually, the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errors.

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Value totals for "Total" and "North America" of:	Proportion of cells with sampling variability of:			
	under 2%	under 5%	under 10%	under 20%
\$1,000,000 and over	.60	.75	.85	1.00
\$500,000-\$1,000,000	.20	1.00		
\$100,000-\$500,000	.30	.45	.70	1.00
\$20,000-\$100,000		.35	.70	1.00
Cells of under \$20,000	Are likely to have sampling variability from \$3,000 to \$15,000			

Value totals for continents of South America, Europe, Asia, Australia and Oceania, and Africa of:	Are likely to have sampling variability of:
\$300,000 and over	Less than 2%
\$100,000-\$300,000	Less than 5% with over half of the totals less than 2%
\$20,000-\$100,000	Generally less than 10% with over half of the totals less than 5%
Under \$20,000	Generally \$500 to \$5,000
Cells of \$0	Generally less than \$500

The sampling variability of shipping weight figures, in percentage terms, can be approximated by the percent sampling variability of value.

## Imports

These statistics represent general imports, which are a combination of imports for immediate consumption and entries into bonded warehouses. The statistics include government as well as nongovernment shipments of merchandise by air from foreign countries to the United States. However, American goods returned by the U.S. Armed Forces for their own use are excluded. U.S. trade with Puerto Rico and with U.S. possessions and trade between U.S. possessions are not included in this report, but imports into Puerto Rico from foreign countries are considered to be U.S. imports and are included. Merchandise shipped through the United States in transit from one foreign country to another, when documented as such through U.S. Customs, is not reported as imports and is excluded from the data shown in this report. (Foreign merchandise that has entered the United States as an import and is subsequently reexported is not treated as in-transit merchandise and is included in this report.) Imports of household and personal effects, imports by mail and parcel post, and imports of airplanes under their own power are not included.

The statistics shown for individual customs districts represent fully compiled data for shipments valued \$251 and over. Data for shipments valued under \$251, reported on formal and informal entries (informal entries generally contain items valued under \$251), are estimated from a 5-percent sample for 1973. Separate shipping weight and value estimates for shipments valued under \$251 are shown. The shipping weight data are estimated from the values on the basis of constants that have been derived from an observation of the value-weight relationships in past periods.

Since the statistics showing total value of imports by all carriers include sample estimates, they are subject to sampling variability. In general, the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errors. Value totals of \$500,000 and over will generally have a sampling variability of less than 3 percent; value totals of under \$500,000 will generally have a sampling variability of less than \$50,000.

Table 1. Selected Customs Districts of Lading by Continent

(Data shown represent domestic and foreign merchandise. Shipments of Special Category commodities are excluded from all district and continent data. Estimated shipments valued under \$251 are excluded from all district data and data for U.S. flag carriers)

Customs district	Shipping weight (1,000 pounds)							Value (1,000 dollars)									
	Total		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa	Total		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa	
	All carriers	U.S. flag carriers							All carriers	U.S. flag carriers							
Total, all carriers.....	132,216	(X)	24,318	16,132	63,320	20,781	3,225	3,172	1,255,017	(X)	117,463	86,468	687,403	268,702	35,125	28,473	
U.S. flag carriers.....	(X)	47,701	9,167	4,945	22,811	8,287	994	846	(X)	491,095	52,485	25,969	252,113	120,519	11,212	6,689	
Boston, Mass.....	4,674	2,133	448	1	3,808	303	71	44	54,309	26,701	4,050	9	45,525	3,196	1,007	522	
Bridgesport, Conn.....	4	4	-	-	4	-	-	-	79	79	-	-	79	-	-	-	
Daguerre, N.Y.....	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	73	73	-	-	-	73	-	-	
Suffalo, N.Y.....	442	398	393	-	48	-	(Z)	(Z)	4,485	4,092	4,358	-	125	-	1	2	
New York City, N.Y.....	54,279	19,808	2,568	3,958	38,260	7,276	282	1,935	618,400	212,573	20,229	35,931	448,985	90,111	3,542	19,602	
Philadelphia, Pa.....	1,273	869	137	450	507	134	8	36	9,494	5,212	929	1,988	5,165	1,021	67	323	
Baltimore, Md.....	164	155	56	15	16	9	-	67	1,886	1,705	632	769	259	151	-	75	
Wilmington, N.C.....	45	9	45	(Z)	-	-	-	-	91	69	89	1	-	-	-	-	
Charleston, S.C.....	19	19	2	(Z)	(Z)	16	-	-	168	168	2	1	4	160	-	-	
Savannah, Ga.....	227	215	25	-	198	2	-	2	1,444	1,049	236	-	990	99	-	119	
Tampa, Fla.....	53	11	48	-	2	2	-	-	468	135	301	-	100	68	-	-	
Mobile, Ala.....	57	57	(Z)	-	3	53	(Z)	(Z)	649	649	10	-	82	555	-	1	
New Orleans, La.....	553	99	527	22	3	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	1,968	488	1,743	133	75	16	1	1	
Laredo, Tex.....	331	240	187	1	-	143	-	-	1,846	1,420	818	6	-	1,022	-	-	
El Paso, Tex.....	214	154	172	-	42	-	-	-	2,134	1,267	1,456	-	678	-	-	-	
Nogales, Ariz.....	31	30	31	-	-	-	-	-	32	29	32	-	-	-	-	-	
Los Angeles, Calif.....	8,351	3,198	483	267	2,810	3,679	1,038	74	136,021	52,484	3,984	3,608	56,729	58,779	11,668	1,254	
San Francisco, Calif.....	4,914	2,453	408	61	506	2,838	1,093	8	101,012	49,465	5,609	676	10,692	68,358	15,560	1,117	
Portland, Oreg.....	155	154	40	-	106	(Z)	-	8	5,642	5,619	541	-	4,463	27	-	612	
Seattle, Wash.....	802	636	275	1	200	315	1	9	11,702	7,013	2,791	13	5,126	3,584	13	174	
Anchorage, Alaska.....	151	138	-	-	5	146	-	-	973	564	-	-	196	777	-	-	
Honolulu, Hawaii.....	540	70	1	-	3	495	41	-	1,937	463	147	-	14	1,358	418	-	
Great Falls, Mont.....	112	112	72	-	-	40	-	-	807	800	757	-	-	50	-	-	
Pembina, N. Dak.....	4	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	17	17	17	-	-	-	-	-	
Minneapolis, Minn.....	416	371	149	-	8	258	-	-	8,567	8,068	1,579	-	6	6,982	-	-	
Detroit, Mich.....	2,621	2,046	452	85	1,977	35	11	61	14,484	12,872	2,346	151	11,453	192	77	266	
Chicago, Ill.....	12,543	5,225	2,521	9	8,098	1,630	20	266	94,645	42,864	20,277	77	54,844	17,583	52	1,811	
Cleveland, Ohio.....	688	173	212	3	154	320	-	(Z)	4,960	814	1,475	53	640	2,791	-	-	
St. Louis, Mo.....	108	93	14	60	33	(Z)	-	(Z)	403	303	92	46	258	4	-	2	
San Juan, P.R.....	1,192	726	841	319	30	2	-	-	4,894	2,346	2,167	2,051	669	6	-	-	
Miami, Fla.....	17,446	6,217	8,512	8,549	352	11	7	13	65,696	22,160	26,471	35,654	3,232	201	10	127	
Houston, Tex.....	2,276	813	723	418	428	563	-	142	12,343	3,935	2,823	1,000	4,426	3,034	-	1,060	
Washington, D.C.....	745	252	1	74	619	41	(Z)	9	19,263	2,446	12	921	17,633	379	3	314	
All other districts.....	189	169	77	17	4	91	-	-	1,134	1,043	439	50	99	546	-	-	
Shipments under \$251.....	15,333	(NA)	4,891	1,823	5,093	2,376	654	497	41,609	(NA)	11,049	3,329	14,856	7,580	2,706	2,089	
Special Category.....	1,267	651	(O)	(O)	(O)	(O)	(O)	(O)	31,384	22,109	(O)	(O)	(O)	(O)	(O)	(O)	

- Represents zero.

D Data withheld to avoid disclosure of information for security reasons.

NA Not available.

X Not applicable.

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than 500 pounds or \$500.

Table 2. Selected Customs Districts of Unloading by Continent

(Estimated shipments valued under \$251 are excluded from all district data and data for U.S. flag carriers. Total columns include a small amount of shipments which are unidentified by continent)

Customs district	Shipping weight (1,000 pounds)						Value (1,000 dollars)					
	Total			North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa	Total		
	All carriers	U.S. flag carriers								All carriers	U.S. flag carriers	
Total, all carriers..	89,581	(X)	11,534	12,030	44,101	20,670	552	559		717,430	(X)	58,626
U.S. flag carriers.....	(X)	36,937	4,402	3,722	18,426	9,983	238	165		(X)	331,966	22,307
Boston, Mass.....	2,917	1,045	101	33	2,497	215	(Z)	68		20,565	7,796	2,366
Bridgeport, Conn.....	60	4	55	1	1	1	5	1		428	12	152
Ogdensburg, N.Y.....	48	47	1	1	47	1	1	1		588	574	17
Buffalo, N.Y.....	299	251	261	1	31	6	6	255		4,244	2,223	3,846
New York City, N.Y.....	37,980	17,164	1,311	3,535	26,500	6,310	69	255		378,316	179,259	10,424
Philadelphia, Pa.....	1,170	595	48	361	701	59	1	1		9,956	3,961	600
Baltimore, Md.....	44	37	33	(Z)	9	1	1	1		751	734	680
Wilmington, N.C.....	5	4	1	1	4	1	1	1		51	20	27
Charleston, S.C.....	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)		1	1	(Z)
Savannah, Ga.....	38	36	6	31	31	(Z)	1	1		511	482	96
Tampa, Fla.....	141	56	81	56	1	1	1	1		650	323	316
Mobile, Ala.....	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)		1	1	1
New Orleans, La.....	216	40	201	13	1	(Z)	1	1		306	64	284
Laredo, Tex.....	125	64	120	4	4	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)		358	256	333
El Paso, Tex.....	36	21	32	(Z)	4	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)		1,050	757	809
Nogales, Ariz.....	19	6	17	(Z)	1	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)		117	83	113
Los Angeles, Calif.....	5,891	2,216	614	167	1,114	3,716	180	99		74,128	27,418	7,538
San Francisco, Calif.....	5,333	3,068	46	24	198	4,998	64	3		81,969	44,625	966
Portland, Ore.....	3	3	3	3	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)		57	57	56
Seattle, Wash.....	1,641	1,538	111	122	1,406	2	(Z)	(Z)		17,186	14,726	2,837
Anchorage, Alaska.....	128	14	95	12	12	21	1	1		510	61	300
Honolulu, Hawaii.....	627	147	51	(Z)	13	487	77	694		9,783	954	74
Great Falls, Mont.....	34	18	17	16	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)		753	741	736
Pembina, N. Dak.....	39	39	39	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)		362	357	345
Minneapolis, Minn.....	257	249	13	7	236	7	1	1		1,322	1,278	275
Detroit, Mich.....	2,557	2,278	214	(Z)	2,322	21	(Z)	(Z)		6,785	6,000	775
Chicago, Ill.....	4,781	1,987	582	18	3,280	868	(Z)	(Z)		46,810	18,039	7,588
Cleveland, Ohio.....	239	49	100	93	1	1	46	46		1,732	83	1,213
St. Louis, Mo.....	82	74	9	73	(Z)	(Z)	1	1		226	168	52
San Juan, P.R.....	2,073	621	1,496	439	134	2	1	1		3,733	1,430	2,184
Miami, Fla.....	11,502	3,416	4,252	6,827	373	37	6	7		24,816	8,568	10,996
Houston, Tex.....	461	185	201	83	166	9	1	1		4,168	673	833
Washington, D.C.....	1,690	1,638	1	1	1,635	15	1	1		13,894	10,154	28
All other districts....	53	26	25	(Z)	27	1	1	1		215	89	118
Shipments under \$251....	9,094	(NA)	1,353	527	4,628	2,259	145	47		11,088	(NA)	1,649
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